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**THE LEADER OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY
IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.**



PRESIDENT.

T. W. CURRIER.



VICE-PRESIDENTS.

JOHN HENEY.

DR. L. G. ROUTHIER.



SECRETARY.

L. L. BROPHY.



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Name, Object, Etc.

This Association shall be called the
Liberal-Conservative Association of the
City of Ottawa.

The objects of this Association shall

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- 1st. To secure thorough political organization in every polling sub-division.
 - 2nd. To distribute forms for adding removing names from voters' lists.
 - 3rd. To see that the party is well represented at all Courts of Revision.
 - 4th. To call conventions for the nomination of candidates for the House of Commons and Legislative Assembly for the constituency of the City of Ottawa.

5th. To have the general oversight of the Liberal-Conservative party in the City of Ottawa.

II

Membership.

The Association shall consist of all residents or voters of the City of Ottawa who are supporters of the Liberal-Conservative party and express their willingness to become members of the Association by signing the following Declaration of Membership.

Declaration of Membership.

I hereby declare that I am desirous of becoming a member of the Liberal-Conservative Association of the City of Ottawa; that I am a supporter of the Liberal-Conservative party of Canada; that I will so long as I remain a member of your Association, abide by the

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 a Committee of three for each ward
 the City and for Hintonburgh and
 awa East : The said Committees shall
 choose one of their number who
 ll be the Chairman thereof and shall
 oint a Secretary who may be one of
 Committee.

IV

Election of Officers,

The Officers except the Patron shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association.

V

Duties of the Officers.

The President shall preside over the meetings of the Association, act as Executive Officer of the Association, enforce the due observance of the Constitution, decide all questions of order, announce the result of all voting and give casting vote in case of a tie.

In the absence of the President, the Senior Vice President, if present, shall preside and otherwise perform the duties of the President. If neither the President nor any of the Vice Presidents are present a Chairman shall be selected from among the members present.

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side at all ward meetings, and in his ab-
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It shall be the duty of each ward Com-
mittee :—

1st. To see that in the ward all Con-
servatives entitled to vote are on the
voters' list, and to appeal against and
have struck off all names of opponents
improperly inserted thereon.

2nd. To promote the circulation of
conservative newspapers and literature.

3rd. To secure as large a membership
of the Association as possible.

4th. To see that the ward is thoroughly
unvassed and the party vote entirely
controlled at each election.

5th. To report the result of their work
quarterly to the Executive Committee.

The Secretary shall keep full and cor-

rect minutes of all meetings of the Association.

He shall send out notices for all meetings and perform such duties as the Association may require.

The Treasurer shall receive and account for all moneys belonging to the Association, and under the direction of the Executive, pay all debts incurred by the Association.

VI

Executive Committee.

The Officers of this Association, exceptive the Patron, shall be the Executive Committee thereof, and seven members shall constitute a quorum.

Vacancies shall be filled by the Executive Committee. Any member of the Executive may be removed by a two thirds vote of the Executive Committee.

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ing shall be transacted. The Secretary is shall give notice of such meeting, annual or special, by advertisement in at least two issues of one or more daily newspapers published in Ottawa.

VIII

Alterations or Suspension of these Laws.

Alterations or suspension of these laws shall only be made at the annual meetings or at a special meeting held for that purpose, and no alteration or suspension shall be made unless two thirds at least of those present vote in favor of such change, and the proposed amendment shall be posted for at least one week in the rooms of the Association.

IX

Discipline.

Any member of the Association refusing to obey the Rules and By-Laws of the

The Secretary is Association, or for other reasons, meeting, annual which shall be specified in a one week's notice of motion, may be expelled or suspended by a two-thirds vote of those present at the meeting to discuss said motion.

The secretary shall notify in writing these Laws. Each member of the Association of the of these laws. The Association to consider annual meetings, the motion for suspension or expulsion, and for that purpose the date and place thereof at least one week previously.

Two-thirds at least in favor of such amendment. At least one week in advance.

X

Order of Business.

The order of business at annual meetings of the Association shall be as follows :—

1. Reading minutes of previous meetings and special meetings.
 2. Reading reports of Secretary and Treasurer.
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3. Receiving report of Standing Committees and Special Committees who are to report at this meeting.

4. Reading of Communications.

5. Election of Officers.

6. General business.

7. Adjournment.

The order of business at meetings other than the annual, shall be as at the Annual with the exception of Sections 4 and 5.

XI

Conventions for the Selection of Candidates

Upon the dissolution of Parliament of the local Legislature, or on the happening from any other cause of a vacancy in the representation of a constituency in Parliament or in the Legislature, and at such other times as the Executive Committee thinks proper, the Executive Committee of the Association

Standing Committee shall fix a date and place for the holding of a convention to nominate a candidate or candidates as the case may be; and shall also fix a date, not more than two days before the date as named for the convention for the holding of meetings in each of the municipal wards in the constituency and in Hintonburgh and Ottawa East, for the selection of delegates to said convention.

Upon such dates being so fixed, the chairmen for the several wards shall forthwith, by advertisement in at least two issues in some one or more daily newspapers published in said City, call a meeting of the members and supporters of the party at such hour and place in the ward as he thinks proper, to select delegates to said convention.

No person shall have the right to be present at such meetings and vote there-
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at unless he is a supporter of the Conservative party and is a Parliamentary or Legislative voter in the ward and has at the time of such voting, signed the roll of the Conservative Association.

At such meetings in each ward the electors shall choose three delegates for each subdivision by open vote, and the election of such delegates shall be proceeded with as follows :—

The electors present shall make nominations, and the Chairman shall take an open vote on the names submitted in the order in which they were proposed, but shall submit one name only at a time and shall declare the first three persons receiving a majority vote to be the delegates.

Each delegate shall be a supporter of the Conservative party, and a Parliamentary

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In case there shall be a failure to elect three delegates for each polling subdivision, or in case any so elected resign, die or are absent, the ward Committee shall immediately nominate a Conservative elector of the ward to take the place of such delegates not elected or resigning, dying or being absent as aforesaid.

The President of this Association shall be an ex-officio member of the Convention, and shall be the Chairman thereof, and in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents of the Association shall be the Chairman thereof if present, but if neither of the Vice-Presidents are present, the Chairman shall be appointed by the Convention.

XII

Rules of Order for Conventions

Presentation of credentials and calling roll.

The President, after calling the meeting to order, shall read the resolution or other authority by virtue of which the meeting was convened.

The President shall then call for nominations for a candidate or candidates. Such nominations shall be in writing, with the name of the proposer and seconder.

As soon as fifteen minutes shall have elapsed from the time of the first nomination having been made, the President shall declare the nominations closed, and no further nominations shall be received unless the Convention otherwise directs.

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each candidate shall be allowed ten minutes in which to address the Convention. No candidate shall be allowed to speak twice.

After all candidates who wish to address the Convention have done so, a ballot shall be taken for the selection of a candidate or candidates. Each candidate or his proposer shall be entitled to nominate a scrutineer on behalf of such candidate.

At the Convention a standing vote shall first be taken pledging the meeting to support the nominee of the Convention by all means in their power.

Before the name of any candidate is submitted to the meeting, he must pledge himself, or if absent, his nominators must pledge themselves for him, and produce and file with the Secretary at the time of nomination a written pledge from such

candidate that he will cordially support whoever may be the nominee of the Convention.

Any candidate shall have the privilege of withdrawing before a vote is taken.

Vote by ballot shall be taken on all candidates ; the ballot papers are to be official ballots prepared by the Secretary.

Majority ballot shall be necessary for election, but after each ballot shall have been taken, should there be no choice, the candidate having the smallest number shall drop out, and so on, until one candidate shall receive a majority of the votes cast ; then all the candidates who have dropped out may be balloted on for second choice.

The nomination of a candidate may be ratified at a public meeting of Conservative electors, to be called by the President for that purpose.

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Cases not provided for in these rules shall be governed as far as possible by parliamentary practice.

Approved and adopted at a special general meeting of the Association on the 10th day of January, 1898.

J. L. BROPHY, T. W. CURRIER,

Secretary.

President.

